Small solids in an inviscid fluid: a 1D model, theory and numerics

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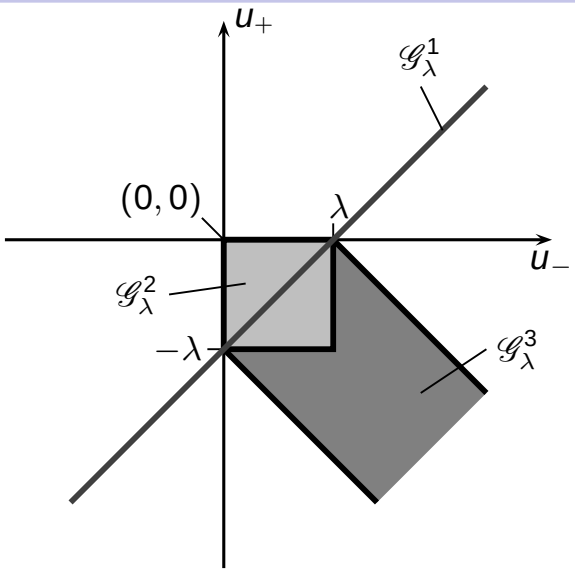

Definition

The *admissibility germ* $\mathscr{G}_\lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ (or *germ*, for short) associated with the particle-at-zero problem is the union $\mathscr{G}_\lambda = \mathscr{G}_\lambda^1 \cup \mathscr{G}_\lambda^2 \cup \mathscr{G}_\lambda^3$, where

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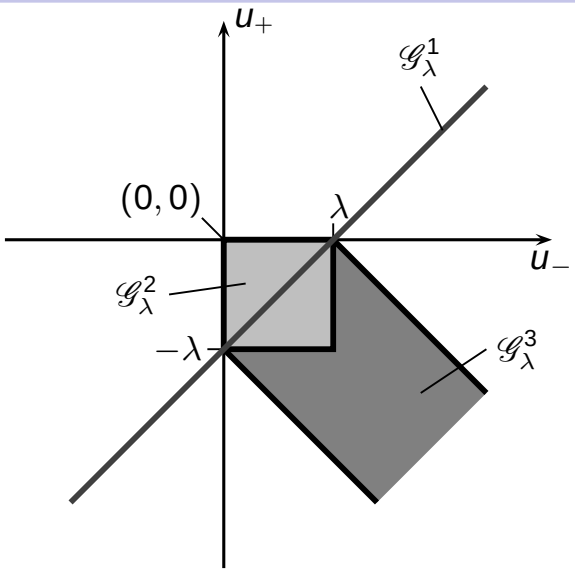

Definition

The *admissibility germ* $\mathscr{G}_\lambda \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ (or *germ*, for short) associated with the particle-at-zero problem is the union $\mathscr{G}_\lambda = \mathscr{G}_\lambda^1 \cup \mathscr{G}_\lambda^2 \cup \mathscr{G}_\lambda^3$, where

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NB: the partition of $\mathscr{G}_\lambda$ into the three parts is dictated by the subsequent analysis.

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Frozen particle (Dirac-at-zero drag term): definition, uniqueness

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First, let us describe some elementary solutions of this problem: these are the stationary piecewise constant functions c:

$$c(t,x) = c_- \mathbb{1}_{\{x<0\}} + c_+ \mathbb{1}_{\{x>0\}} = \begin{cases} c_- & \text{if } x < 0, \\ c_+ & \text{if } x > 0, \end{cases} \quad (c_-, c_+) \in \mathscr{G}_\lambda.$$

They play the role of the constants in the standard Kruzhkov entropy formulation. With the idea of adapted Kruzhkov entropies , we set up

Definition (entropy solution)

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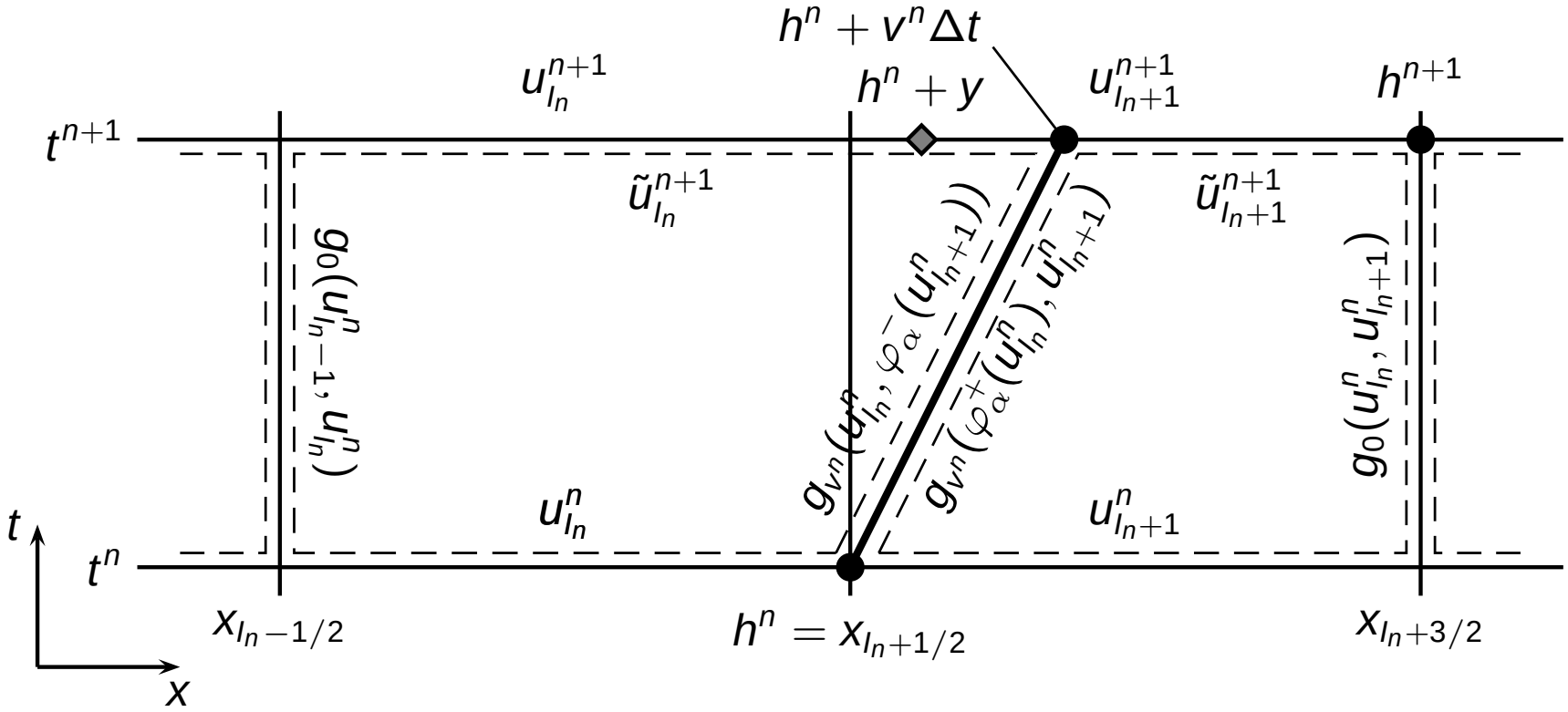

Figure: Representation of the algorithm based on the well-balanced scheme.

Numerics: drafting-kissing-tumbling

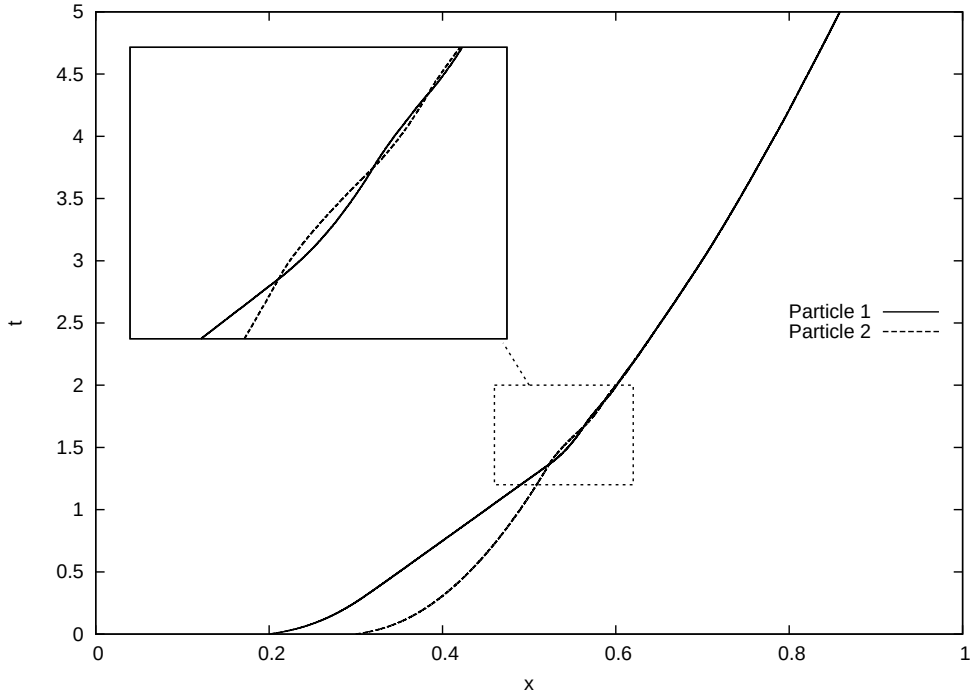

Figure: Trajectories of two particles

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